Extreme Weather Response

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Tips to Prepare Your Family for Severe Weather

In the blink of an eye, disasters can alter a family’s normal routine. Neighborhoods may be transformed because of large debris or downed power lines. Suddenly, an area that is familiar becomes foreign and the family’s routine is now unrecognizable. In times like this, it is crucial for a family to have a plan to meet at a safe location.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) encourages families to have a plan for themselves and children to follow. A family may not be together when a disaster strikes; therefore, it is important to know what to do in advance: how to get to a safe place; how to contact one another; how to get food, water, and shelter; and how to deal with communities that are not accessible. During a disaster, roads are often blocked or closed so alternative routes will need to be used. Knowing multiple routes of travel in advance can save time and frustration during evacuation.

OSDH also encourages families to have a basic emergency kit consisting of water, non-perishable food, flashlights, batteries, prescription medicine and important paperwork. Parents may not realize how much disasters can affect children by adding a few simple kid-friendly supplies such as a favorite toy or comfort item and medical items such as infant/child fever reducer that they may have at home. Family members should consider a three-day supply of formula, diapers, antibacterial wipes, bandages, washcloths, and sealable plastic bags for soiled items.

Darrell Eberly, emergency manager at OSDH, reminds families who have individuals with special needs or disabilities to consider any unique needs during and after a disaster.

“If you have, or care for someone with a disability or access and functionals issues, it is important to include needed supplies, equipment and medications as part of your plan,” said Eberly. “If evacuating from the home is necessary, it is important to take essential equipment such as hearing aids, oxygen, a wheelchair, diabetic supplies, or medical supplies for a service animal.”

OSDH and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offer the following tips for families preparing for disasters:

- Show each family member how and when to turn off the water, gas and electricity switches.
- Teach each family member how to use the fire extinguisher, and show them where it is located in the home.
- Practice your plan by quizzes your kids periodically and conduct fire drills.
- Check emergency supplies throughout the year to replace batteries, non-perishable food, and other supplies.
- Plan alternate ways to charge communication and assistive technology devices.
- Plan for medication requiring refrigeration.
- Check with your mobile carrier for options on wireless emergency alerts and location-based services.

OSDH released videos in English, Spanish and American Sign Language to help families prepare for disasters.
Severe storms are headed to Oklahoma today.
Garvin Co. Medical Reserve Corps will be setting up hydration/cooling station & provide meals through Friday.

Garvin Co. Health Department working to open cooling centers throughout the week.
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If thunderstorms and lightning are occurring in your area, you should:
Avoid contact with plumbing. Do not wash your hands, or take a shower, do not wash dishes, and do not do laundry. Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.

Before the Tornado
Build your emergency go-bag and family communication plan.

Tornados
Algunos tornados son claramente visibles, mientras que otros tornados se pueden ocultar por causa de nubes bajas y de la lluvia

Notificaciones de Emergencias
En la ciudad de Oklahoma, el Sistema Accesible de Alerta en caso de Peligro (AHAS) le notificará en referencia a la posibilidad de incendios forestales.